



## VICTORIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION Inc

### COURSEMARKING GUIDELINES

The following are VERA Guidelines regarding marking endurance courses. Above and beyond these guidelines, Ride Organisers must be familiar with and strictly adhere to the AERA rulebook when organising rides.

With particular regard to course design and marking, the AERA rules address issues relating to length of legs, riding times, distance markers, vehicular access, retrieval vehicles, marking of hazards, and provision of water.

The following guidelines are an enhancement of Rule A11.3 (j):

- Arrows should be:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> leg            Black on White background
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> leg            Red on White background
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> leg            Blue on White background
  - 4<sup>th</sup> leg            Green on White background
  - 5<sup>th</sup> leg            Hollow Black on White background
  - 6<sup>th</sup> leg            Purple on White background
- Leg number or dots on each marker, where possible.
- Marker required:
  - Before the corner
  - On the corner
  - After the corner
- Markers positioned so they are clearly visible to all riders (ie not high up in trees or off the track), and where appropriate, on the same side of the track throughout the ride.
- Markers used for night-time legs to also display reflective tape alongside stem of arrow.
- Hazards and Danger points to be identified with lights, reflective tape or glow tubes at night, and bunting, caution tape/markers or flags during daylight. This includes gateways and abutting fencelines.
- Ideally not more than 2km between markers.
- Cumulative distance markers to be accurately positioned every 10km (mandatory), but preferably every 5km.
- Unused tracks to be marked by blockers (red cross on white background).
- Checkpoint warning marker 500m prior to checkpoint.
- Directional water sign where water is not located directly on track.
- Clearly identified start/finish line.
- Ensure that location of distance markers and distance of each leg is measured correctly by vehicle. (Be aware of vehicles with non-factory-specified tyres as mileage may be inaccurate.)
- Course to be checked 2 hours prior to the ride start.